

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: GRUBER *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/816,886

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For: METHODS FOR PRODUCTION  
AND PURIFICATION OF  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

Confirmation No.: 3859

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Examiner: Tung, J.

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action dated **April 16, 2008** (Office Action), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. Applicants petition currently for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the time to respond to the outstanding action to and including October 16, 2008. If the fees submitted with this reply are not sufficient, any fees required to avoid abandonment of the application, including fees for extensions of time or claims fees, may be taken from **Deposit Account # 50-3994**.

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